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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kohei Asada et al.

Serial No. : 10/706,772

Filed : November 12, 2003

For : METHOD OF REPRODUCING AUDIO SIGNAL AND
REPRODUCING APPARATUS THEREFOR

Group A.U. :

Date : December 15, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this
Amendment.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this
Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims that begins on page 4 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 7 of this Amendment.